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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The government has unfairly targeted Microsoft and punishing them for rising to the top of their industry. Simply because Microsoft built a better mousetrap and reaped the rewards does not mean that they have broken any laws. This is a case of government over regulation, not hurt consumers.

A settlement has been reached and the terms are fair. Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows to be more compatible with non-Microsoft products. Microsoft has also agreed to several changes in the way they do business with computer makers. Microsoft has agreed to many concessions. It is time that the government accepts the settlement and moves on.

Microsoft and the technology industry need to move forward, the only way to move forward is to put this issue in the past. Please allow Microsoft to get back to business as usual, accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement

Why punish Microsoft for achieving the American dream by starting from scratch and building such a State of the Art product? Everyone has the same opportunity.

Sincerely,

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